Misappropriation of Public Funds by Safdarjang Hospital authorities

3932. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an inquiry report submitted to Government recently has clearly alleged misappropriation of public funds and negligence in using intravenous I.V. fluids and a possible attempt as a cover up on the part of Safdarjang Hospital authorities at New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have not taken any action on the inquiry report;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (e) The enquiry report is under examination.

देश में पोलियो के टीकों की कमी

3933. **श्री रामनरेश यादव** : क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान पोलियो-रोधी टीकों के विनिर्माण के निर्धारित लक्ष्य से कितने अधिक टीकों का विनिर्माण किए जाने की संभावना है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस समय पोलियो के टीकों की संख्या पोलियो के रोगियों की औसत संख्या से काफी कम है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस रोग को नियंत्रित करने तथा पोलियो के रोगियों के उपचारार्थ क्या उपाय किए जाने की संभावना है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी॰ शंकरानंद) : (क) से (ग) पोलियो वैक्सीन हमारे देश में मौलिक रूप से तैयार नहीं की जाती । यह आयातित सामग्री को मिलाकर तैयार की जाती है । व्यापक टीकाकरण कार्यक्रम के लिए वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान मिश्रित पोलियो वैक्सीन की कुल संस्थापित क्षमता लगभग 16.0 करोड़ खुराकें हैं जबकि इसकी अनुमानित आवश्यकता 15.0 करोड़ खुराकें है ।

व्यापक टीकाकरण कार्यक्रम में एक वर्ष की आयु तक मुखसेव्य पोलियो वैक्सीन की तीन खुराकें और उसके पश्चात् 15 से 18 माह की आयु के बीच एक बूस्टर खुराक देकर सभी शिशुओं को पोलियो से प्रतिरक्षित करने का उद्देश्य है । इसके अलावा चिकित्सा/स्वास्थ्य संस्थाओं में जन्मे बच्चों को जन्म के समय मुखसेव्य पोलियो वैक्सीन की खुराक (जीरो खुराक) दी जाती है ।

Medical Colleges in the Country

3934. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of medical colleges as in 1993;

(b) the number of medical colleges run by the Central Government, various State Governments and Private Trusts; and

(c) whether it is a fact that at the time of Independence there were fewer medical colleges in the country; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for maintaining high standard of medical education ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There are 146 medical colleges in the country at present.

(b) The information is as follows :

Medical Colleges run by

Central Govt.	State Govt. including local bodies and universities	Private Trusts and Societies	Total
3	103	40	146

Out of this, 26 medical colleges are not recognised by the Medical Council of India.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A number of measures have been taken which *inter-alia* include :

1. Establishing Centres of Excellence to establish high standard of medical education, teaching and research.
2. Introducing measures to reorient and update the undergraduate and post-graduate curriculum to make it relevant to present needs.
3. Providing Continuing Medical Education Programmes to keep the medical professionals abreast with latest developments.

4. Inspecting the facilities, staff, equipment in medical colleges by Medical Council of India to see that they adhere to the stipulated standards.

Shortage of the trained medical personnel in the country

3935. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the share of Indian trained medical personnel to other countries;

(b) whether Government propose to make it compulsory for these personnel to repay all the cost of their State-financed training;

(c) how much foreign exchange the country is earning as a result of migration of these trained medical personnel;

(d) whether Government are contemplating any policy so that the foreign exchange thus earned could be spent on improving heal care facilities of our country; and

(e) whether there is a shortage of the trained medical personnel (doctors and nurses) in the country as a result of such migration ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) According to the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence there were 5887 Indian doctors registered abroad upto 31-12-1991.

(b) There is so such proposal.

(c) No such statistics are available.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no shortage of doctors as such in the country. However, on account of reluctance of doctors to serve in rural areas, a number of posts in Primary Health Centres are vacant. There is a relative shortage of nurses which is attributable to many factors, migration being one of them.

Import of Cineraria Maritima Schwabe eye drops

3936. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Cineraria Maritima Succus/ Schwabe eye drops are not allowed to be marketed in the country of origin Germany ;

(b) if so, how the Cineraria Maritima Schwabe eye drops is allowed for import in contravention of Rule 30B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) According to information received from Health Department, Germany, Cineraria Maritima Succus as a Homoeopathic medication is not available in the FRG but only Cineraria Maritima after the HAB production regulation 2a.

A preparatory monograph on Cineraria Maritima with application field "Grey cataract" compiled by commission on Human Medicine has been notified in Federal Gazette of Germany in January, 1987. This includes application as eye drops.

As such import of Cineraria Maritima Succus of Schwabe is not allowed but there is no contravention *prima facie* of Rule 30b of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, in the import of Cineraria Maritima eye drops (Schwabe).

Study for evaluating the traditional medicinal and health practices in the country

3937. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for instituting a study for evaluating the traditional medicinal and health practices obtaining in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon;

(c) whether government consider integrating the traditional system, after proper evaluation, with the modern system in our hospitals and institutes;

(d) whether any separate body been created for this purpose; and

(e) if so, what are the detailed terms and mandate given to such a body ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (e) There is a proposal for the establishment of a separate Institute for Traditional Medicine under the Indian Council of Medical Research for promoting evaluation of traditional remedies by modern Scientific methods. Once the traditional therapies have been so evaluated and found safe and effica-